

ARKANSAS BROILER HATCHERY



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ARKANSAS CHICK PLACEMENTS UP FRACTIONALLY FROM LAST YEAR

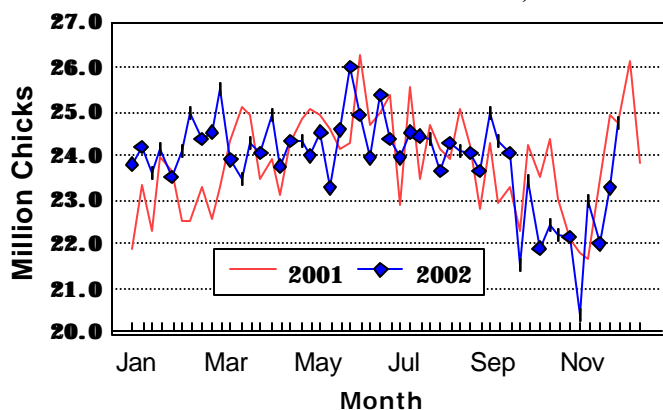
Broiler-type chicks placed for meat production in Arkansas was 24.8 million during the week ending December 14, 2002. Placements were up fractionally from the comparable week in 2001, and up 6 percent from the previous week, and included 3.2 million chicks shipped in from other states. Cumulative placements from December 30, 2001 through December 14, 2002 were 1.19 billion, up slightly from the same period a year earlier.

The broiler-type chicks hatched for the week was 24.4 million, down 3 percent from the corresponding week a year earlier, but up 1 percent from the previous week. Of the total hatch, 2.5 million chicks were shipped out of the state. Average hatchability for chicks hatched was 82.4 percent.

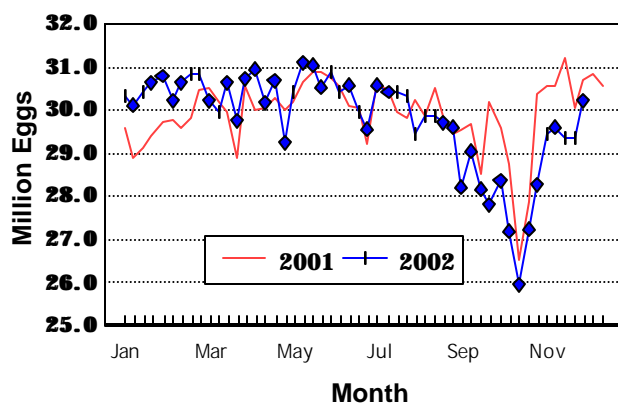
Arkansas hatcheries set 30.2 million broiler-type eggs during the week ending December 14, 2002, down 1 percent from the same period last year, but up 3 percent from the previous week.

Week Ending	NET PLACEMENTS			CHICKS HATCHED			EGGS SET		
	2001	2002	% Change	2001	2002	% Change	2001	2002	% Change
	<i>1,000</i>			<i>1,000</i>			<i>1,000</i>		
Nov. 9	22,127	22,150	100	23,854	22,589	95	30,372	28,284	93
Nov. 16	21,833	20,431	94	21,976	21,561	98	30,589	29,457	96
Nov. 23	21,689	22,968	106	23,031	22,459	98	30,582	29,624	97
Nov. 30	23,459	21,996	94	25,047	23,319	93	31,179	29,362	94
Dec. 7	24,937	23,291	93	25,189	24,209	96	30,081	29,336	98
Dec. 14	24,756	24,762	100	25,240	24,415	97	30,701	30,240	99

CHICKS PLACED IN ARKANSAS, 2001-2002



EGGS SET, 2001 - 2002



BROILER EGGS SET AND CHICKS PLACED IN 19 MAJOR STATES BY WEEKS, 2002

STATE	EGGS SET (in Thousands)					CHICKS PLACED (in Thousands)						
	Week Ending				1/ %	Week Ending						1/ %
	23-Nov	30-Nov	07-Dec	14-Dec		09-Nov	16-Nov	23-Nov	30-Nov	07-Dec	14-Dec	
Alabama	27,667 *	28,164	27,958	27,883	95	19,883	19,494	19,786	20,386	20,953	21,362	96
ARKANSAS	29,624	29,362	29,336	30,240	98	22,150	20,431	22,968	21,996	23,291	24,762	100
Delaware	3,376	3,600	3,415	3,389	100	5,279	4,245	4,909	4,810	5,392 *	5,115	97
Florida	2,320 *	2,258	1,582	1,592	67	1,989	2,270	2,348	2,467	2,091	1,696	88
Georgia	29,897 *	29,946	30,627	30,540	97	23,524	21,534	22,866	24,294 *	25,115	24,719	102
Kentucky	6,528 *	6,066	6,636	6,741	107	4,430	4,505	4,887	5,020	5,443	5,378	104
Maryland	9,249	9,890	9,933 *	9,925	105	5,156	5,965	6,160	6,131	5,221 *	5,475	95
Mississippi	18,013 *	18,691	18,505	18,826	99	13,844	13,673	13,872	15,265	15,125	15,285	101
N. Carolina	18,455 *	17,795	18,207 *	18,605	100	12,777	13,951	14,230	14,122	13,614 *	14,344	95
Oklahoma	6,407	6,320	6,386	6,243	98	4,142	3,895	3,269	5,144	4,525	3,957	88
Pennsylvania	3,709 *	3,738 *	3,599 *	3,643	92	2,287	2,391	2,585 *	2,588 *	2,299 *	2,566	89
S. Carolina	4,415	4,632	4,526	4,676	104	3,795	3,510	3,684	3,870	3,440	3,225	85
Texas	15,225	14,941	14,875	15,131	101	10,417	10,040	11,623	12,241	11,711	12,084	104
Virginia	6,224	6,211	5,984	6,230	94	4,717	4,297	4,444	5,288	4,861	5,221	104
CALAMO,TN,WV	19,419	19,777	19,275	20,179	101	17,301	17,327	17,422	18,253	18,823	17,556	94
Total 2002	200,528 *	201,391 *	200,844 *	203,843		151,691	147,528	155,053 *	161,875 *	161,904 *	162,745	
Total 2001	205,396	211,929	204,465	207,067		153,671	150,878	158,581	165,267	167,382	166,079	
% Prev. Year	98	95	98	98		99	98	98	98	97	98	
Approximate Marketing Date 2002-2003.....						28-Dec	04-Jan	11-Jan	18-Jan	25-Jan	01-Feb	

* Revised . 1/ Current week as percent of the same week last year.

EGGS SET IN 19 SELECTED STATES DOWN 2 PERCENT

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-state weekly program set 204 million eggs during the week ending December 14, 2002. This was down 2 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 83 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

BROILER CHICKS PLACED DOWN 2 PERCENT

Broiler growers in the 19-state weekly program placed 163 million chicks for meat production during the week ending December 14, 2002. Placements were down 2 percent from the comparable week in 2001. Cumulative placements from December 30, 2001 through December 14, 2002 were 8.32 billion.